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SUBJ: TYPHOID FEVER REPORT

1. THE EVENING NEWSPAPER QUOTE THE TRIBUNE UNQUOTE CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON AUGUST 17, CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF SEVERAL QUOTE APPARENT UNQUOTE CASES OF TYPHOID WHICH DEVELOPED IN A 4-5 WEEK PERIOD. THE PERMANENT SECRETARY MINHEALTH HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE STORY IS CORRECT.

2. TWO EXPERTS FROM THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER IN TRINIDAD ARE CURRENTLY IN NASSAU MAKING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE SITUATION. BLOOD TYPINGS OF NINE SUSPECTED TYPHOID VICTIMS ARE UNDERGOING TESTS AT LABORATORIES IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. RESULTS WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL EARLY THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23.

3. THE BAHAMAS HAS ALWAYS HAD A SLIGHT INCIDENCE OF TYPHOID (CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER QUOTED 5 TO 8 CASES IN MARCH-AUGUST PERIOD AS NORMAL. OTHER HEALTH OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, HAVE QUOTED 1 TO 3 CASES ANNUALLY AS THE AVERAGE). SINCE 4 TO 5 APPARENT CASES DEVELOPED IN A FOUR TO FIVE WEEK PERIOD, MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIALS REQUESTED EXPERT ASSISTANCE.

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RM THE VISITING EXPERTS HAVE TEMPORARILY RULED OUT ANY LINK

TO NASSAU'S WATER SHORTAGE PROBLEM AND THE TYPHOID CASES.  
NASSAU'S WATER SUPPLY AND PRIVATE WELLS ARE BEING INVEST-  
IGATED AS POSSIBLE TYPHOID SOURCES, HOWEVER.

5. NO CROSS-RELATIONSHIPS HAVE AS YET BEEN ESTABLISHED  
IN ANY OF THE CASES ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY OF LINKS BETWEEN  
THEM ARE STILL BEING INVESTIGATED. ALTHOUGH THE MAJORITY OF  
THE CASES ARE FROM NEW PROVIDENCE (NASSAU) THERE ARE ALSO SOME  
FROM SEVERAL OTHER ISLANDS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT SHOULD RECEIVE  
INQUIRIES CONCERNING TYPHOID IN THE BAHAMAS, EMBASSY  
BELIEVES THAT SITUATION IS WELL IN HAND AND THAT THERE  
IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM OR NEED FOR OFFICIAL REQUIREMENT  
FOR TYPHOID SHOTS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER RESULTS  
OF INVESTIGATION OR ANY NEW CASES OF TYPHOID.  
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